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SUBJ: PRODUCTION OF CRUDE IN 1975

1. TEXACO-GULF-CEPE CONSORTIUM PRODUCTION AVERAGED 147,000 BPD IN JANUARY AND 167,000 BPD IN FEBRUARY. PRODUCTION WAS SHUT-IN FOLLOWING A BREAK IN THE PIPELINE ON FEBRUARY 28. PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO RESUME AROUND THE END OF MARCH AT A LEVEL OF 160-170,000 BPD.

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2. JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PRODUCTION WERE DOWN BY 40 AND 31 PER-

CENT RESPECTIVELY FROM THE LEVEL IN THE SAME PERIODS OF 1974. AT THAT TIME PRODUCTION CONTROLS SETTING AN ALLOWABLE OF 210,000 BPD HAD NOT BEEN IMPOSED. NEVERTHELESS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1975 PRODUCTION SHOWED SOME PICKUP FROM OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER WHEN PRODUCTION AVERAGED 122,000, 70,000, AND 133,000 BPD RESPECTIVELY. THE PICKUP WAS MAINLY A REFLECTION OF INCREASED SALES OF GOVERNMENT OWNED CRUDE. AFTER OVERPRICING BECAME AN ISSUE IN OCTOBER 1974, TEXACO AND GULF PURSUED A GENERALLY PASSIVE LIFTING POLICY, SETTING MONTHLY PRODUCTION AT LEVELS THAT WOULD COVER DOMESTIC AND BARTER REQUIREMENTS AND PERMIT THE STATE OIL COMPANY TO MEET ITS SALES COMMITMENTS FROM ITS 25 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN THE BALANCE OF PRODUCTION.

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